

SCRUB TYPHUS

- Caused by rickettsia obtained from mites that live on rodents
 - Increased risk after heavy rain / flooding
- Symptoms
 - Skin ulcer or “chigger bite” at site of mite attachment
 - Fever, headache, and profuse sweating
 - Dull red rash on trunk spreading to arms and legs
 - Severe symptoms and death possible
- Countermeasures  Prevent mite bites
 - Use the DOD Insect Repellent System
 - Avoidance of rodent populations

